

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Applicant : Van-Khoi Vu	
Appln. No. : 10/563,329	Confirmation No: 6769
Filed : 27 March 2007	Group Art Unit: 1771
Title : PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CRUDE OIL, PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION OF A WATER-IN-OIL HYDROCARBON EMULSION AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SAME	Examiner: SINGH, Prem C. Docket No. 22053USSNP277/800-006-USP

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Via EFS-Web

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to and is believed to be fully responsive to the Office action dated 5 April 2011, wherein restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 35 U.S.C. § 372 is required.

Applicant hereby elects the single inventive contribution directed to an apparatus and a method characterized by the method claims of Group I (claims 1-14) and the apparatus characterized in Group II (claims 15-25 and 27), without traverse.

It is noted that, although not discussed in the telephone interview (see below), the subjects of claims 29, 33, 34, 35 and 39 should logically be included in the elected invention.

Consistent with the above election, applicant hereby withdraws claims 28, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 40-49, and 52. Applicant reserves any rights to file continuing applications on the subject matter of these withdrawn claims.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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